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last year held its annual encampment at Fort Washington, it was ascertained that the old fort, with its well-preserved buildings and appearance, made an ideal camping ground. The great difficulty encountered was that, by land, it was practically all but inaccessible. To make the Government reservation available for militia purposes it was felt that a new and direct road along the river bank should be at once constructed. The land for this roadway has been already donated, and there is no doubt that the road itself is a thing of the near future. But for the proper use of this road the South Capitol street bridge is a necessity.

It has been ascertained that there are no engineering obstacles in the way of the construction of this bridge. For the purposes of the Navy-Yard the Eastern Branch will require to be dredged to a sufficient width of channel, and the draw in the bridge can readily be built to accommodate that character of the improvement is considered, and beyond question, the completion of this public work would contribute materially to the progress of a portion of the city which has been too long neglected.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

The debate in the House of Representatives on the two bills submitted by the special committee on the proposed World's Fair, to be held in celebration of the quadricentennial of the discovery of America—on the one hand, a national celebration at the National Capital under the auspices and control of the National Government, and the other adapted to the holding of such a celebration in some other city—is expected to commence on Thursday, and will proceed without interruption until a vote is taken on the question of site.

As has been shown by the action already taken in the matter by a very large number of municipal and commercial bodies and by numerous State authorities, there is little doubt, in the minds of a great majority of the people of the United States, as to what that site should be. They believe that a national celebration should be held at the National Capital.

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS.

The establishment of a Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, as provided for in the bill to be proposed by the Bar Association of the District, will do much to lighten the pressure of work now pending in the courts, and to improve the administration of justice by removing all ground of complaint in regard to the mode by which appellate jurisdiction is at present exercised.

Appeals are now had from any of the special terms of the District Supreme Court to the General Term of that court; that is, an appeal may be taken in regard to any final order, judgment or decree of any one of the judges of that court to all, or a majority, of them sitting together in an appellate capacity. Such is the pressure of the current business of the courts that rarely are there more than three judges on the bench in the General Term. The tribunal thus becomes rotating and uncertain, and it often happens that delay is caused by the circumstance that one of the judges is the particular one before whom the case was originally tried, and from whose judgment the pending appeal has been taken. A postponement is the result, of course, and it is said that there are now before the Court in General Term cases which have lain awaiting the action of that court during the past five years.

The bill of the Bar Association will propose that a Court of Appeals for the District shall consist of a chief justice and four associate justices, and shall exercise the appellate jurisdiction and power of the present Supreme Court in General Term. Appeals from its decisions to the Supreme Court of the United States are to be had under the same regulations as those taken from the United States Circuit Courts.

A NEBRASKA man has raised a beet more than three feet long. The beet was raised in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska, and is now on display in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska. The beet is said to be the longest ever raised in Nebraska.

TO THOSE DELUDED mortals who patronize the Louisiana lottery we commend the perusal of an editorial, republished in another column, from the Philadelphia Press.

THE BEST SIGN UNDER HEAVEN.

That the summer '11 soon arrive, is "Chicago League," 11; "The St. Augustine's," 5.

A RUBBER manufacturing company has placed a patent hat upon the market. It is intended solely for club men—and morning wear.

A CHICAGO ANARCHIST'S SCHEME.

A CHICAGO ANARCHIST has a scheme for mutual banking. Your Anarchist always has a scheme for everything but mutual work.

THE SCALPS OF THE DISTRICT EMPLOYEES.

DO NOT rest as serenely upon the summits of their craniums as they did.

WHY SHOULD WASHINGTON pine for the World's Fair?

It has the world's fairest already.

GENERAL GREENE intimates that Ash Wednesday will be dusty.

TWO SORTS OF PRETTY GIRLS.

At the Bachelors' Assembly—Miss Reacher (at 35)—There are numerous pretty young girls here to-night, aren't there? Mr. Oncourt (suggestion)—Yes; and there are some pretty old ones, too.

WHEN EVENING SHADOWS FALL.

When evening shadows fall, she hangs her arms away, like empty garments on the wall, that hides her from the day, And while old memories throng, And vanished voices call, she lifts her grateful heart in song, When evening shadows fall.

SIBERIAN ATROCITIES.

Most readers of THE CRITIC were naturally horrified by reading, yesterday morning, the cable dispatch from London describing how Madame Sigida, a political prisoner at Kara, had recently been flogged to death, and how several of her wretched com-

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